

**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)  
TRAINING COMMITTEE  
3538 Mounds Road  
Anderson, IN 46017  
July 13, 2015  
09:45 A.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bernie Beier—Local Representative, Chair  
James Greeson—State Fire Marshal  
Ian Ewusi—IDHS/IDEM

Catherine Dutton—IDHS  
Dean Larson—Public Representative

**The following Committee members were absent:**

Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP

**The following Commission members were present:**

James Pridgen— Industry Representative

**The following staff and audience members were present:**

Madison Roe—IDHS

Brad Gavin—IDHS

**QUORUM**

Ms. Madison Roe indicated a quorum was present.

**MINUTES**

Motion to accept May 11, 2015, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Greeson.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUSINESS**

- At the May 11, 2015 meeting, the Training Committee approved a motion to grant contingent approval to Federal Resources for their HAZMAT IQ course dependent on their submission of additional information about their instructor qualifications. Mr. Ewusi stated he received all required documents and the vendor was approved. Mr. Beier queried why the IERC reviewed vendors that are already approved by federal agencies. He asked whether the IERC should automatically approve courses on the USDOT's approved list for HMEP funding. Mr. Greeson suggested that the Commission should consult LEPCs about

the types of courses they would like to see approved and also included in the Indiana Fire Training Academy System. Mr. Greeson also spoke about the importance of quality assurance to maintain consistency and quality in training provided. Mr. Beier stated his intent to keep revisiting this topic to ensure the IERC remains in-sync with developments in the Fire Training Academy and with IDHS Training and Exercise Division

- Mr. Larson spoke about his difficulty with the HSEEP process when planning a recent Lake County LEPC exercise. Mr. Ewusi stated he had met with IDHS Training and Exercise and clarified the HSEEP requirements in the LEPC Exercise Requirements Notice.
- Ms. Dutton spoke about IDHS' outreach efforts to regarding Crude by Rail planning and response activities. The Hazmat Specialists have conducted Crude Oil Awareness training in the majority of counties and have dates to reach the remaining counties. The Hazmat Section is creating a Crude Oil for Hazmat Techs and Crude Oil for Law Enforcement class. Mr. Greeson complemented the outreach work done by the Hazmat Section. Mr. Greeson spoke about IDHS' efforts to identify vulnerable areas traversed by Crude Oil rail lines and of working with EMA Directors in affected areas to conduct pre-incident planning. Mr. Larson spoke about his work on the draft NFPA Standard 1616 and asked the Commission members to review the document and make comments. He indicated his desire to present a brief on the document to the September IERC meeting. IDHS is planning to conduct a crude oil train derailment exercise in 2016 to focus on ICS structure, shelter-in-place and evacuation planning.
- Ms. Dutton spoke about how the state has multiple emergency management and first responder training websites. With the Indiana Fire Training website, non-certification courses are not consistently posted on the website and she felt it was a missed opportunity for LEPCs to advertise their LEPC sponsored training to bolster attendance. Mr. Beier expressed a desire have a single training website. This is a topic the committee will review in future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ewusi and seconded by Ms. Dutton.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

September 14, 2015 in Seymour, IN.

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Bernie Beier, Chair